

Riley County Vision 2025 Committee Meeting

January 17, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Manhattan Headquarters Fire Station

Meeting Summary

Welcome & Review of Public Comments

Review of Previous Month Building Activity

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by co-facilitator, Terrie McCants.
- The general public was acknowledged and asked to participate by writing comments/input on cards provided.
- Monty Wedel stated there were no comments submitted by the public at the last meeting.
- Wedel referred to the report that was sent out in advance which indicated one (1) permit was issued for the month of December, for an unplatted tract less than 20 acres. There were no questions about the report except that a request was made for updated numbers from the Army regarding anticipated incoming soldiers.

Report on LESA Workgroup meetings

- Wedel stated that interested Vision 2025 Committee members were asked to attend three meetings (Dec. 20, Jan. 3, and Jan. 10) to help develop the new LESA development guidance system.
- Wedel introduced and reviewed the Future Land Use Map and proposed LESA Rural Development Guidance System. He explained that the system would be applied to the entire rural area outside of the Urban Area and that the system would basically used to determine when agricultural land should or should not be converted to another use. He reminded everyone that the overall framework of the system was based on the eight (8) factors to be considered in rezonings as outlined by the Kansas Supreme Court in their decision in the case of *Golden v. City of Overland Park*, 224 Kan. 591, 598, 584 P.2d 130 (1978).
- Wedel explained how the Workgroup proposed tailoring the wording for some of the factors for clarification purposes.
- Wedel discussed each Factor as drafted by the Workgroup in order. Of the nine (9) proposed factors, there was overall consensus to move forward with Factor 1 and Factor 2. It was suggested that Factor 3 be sent back to Workgroup for modifications to possibly add additional criteria, such as adding something like economic productivity of a site. Factor 4: General consensus that the concept of the Surrounding Agricultural Land Easement be pursued as a requirement outside of the LESA system. The Committee was unable to complete all of Factor 4, thus, it will be held over for the next full committee meeting. There was not sufficient time to discuss the remaining Factors.

The Way Forward

- Committee directed staff to continue working with the Workgroup on the proposed system. Monty Wedel reported that he has arranged for another Workgroup meeting for January 24, 2008 at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room at 7:00 PM and asked if anyone was

interested in attending. Several indicated they were, so the meeting will be conducted as scheduled.

Next Full Committee meeting: January 31, 2008, 7:00 PM at Manhattan Fire Station Headquarters

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